## Rule 375-3-5-.04 Hearing

- (1) For the purpose of this section, "hard of hearing" is defined as inability of a subject to pass a voice recognition test or any equivalent test selected as appropriate by the Drivers License Advisory Board. A voice recognition test consists of a test of the ability to correctly identify four out of five numerals spoken in each ear with the examiner standing 2 feet behind the patient. An individual who habitually uses a hearing aid may wear it during the test.
- (2) It is suggested that individuals whose cases are referred to the advisory board on the basis of hearing deficiency be grouped as follows:
  - (a) Became hard of hearing before the age of 15 years;
  - (b) Became hard of hearing after 15 years of age and has been aware of deficiency for more than 4 years;
  - (c) Became hard of hearing after 15 years of age and has been aware of deficiency for less than 4 years.
- (3) In the absence of other adverse factors, individuals in all the above categories may be recommended for a Class A, B, C, or M license, with these restrictions.
  - (a) Those in groups (a),
  - (b) , and

above should drive only in vehicles equipped with 2 side mirrors in addition to any inside rear view mirror otherwise required.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 40-5-4, 40-5-34.

## **SYNOPSIS**

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The purpose of this repeal is to remove an obsolete rule that is no longer utilized in Department procedure.

## **DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULE**

The proposed amendment would repeal the current rule in its entirety.